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Senior City Outdraws Traditional Features at N.Y. State Fair

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For many visitors to previous New York State Fairs, the State Exhibits Building was a mere stopping-off place on the way to more glamorous attractions. This year, a steady stream of literally hundreds of thousands of people came to the sprawling brick structure to visit, inspect, and sample the services of Senior City, a model community built as part of 1958 State Fair in Syracuse to show New Yorkers what their State is doing for its older citizens.

They got a firsthand view of how older job seekers get special help in landing jobs. Those who asked for it received such counseling on the spot. They learned how to make the most of their retirement, and they heard the true life success stories of people who had been helped to put their talents to work in postretirement enterprises of their own.

Individually and through guided tours, thousands inspected the actual-sized apartment, especially designed for elderly tenants, similar to those constructed or under construction through the State's housing program.

Visitors also received the same, quick, free test for the dread eye disease of middle and old age, glaucoma, as is being given in the mass testing programs being developed in a number of New York State communities.

Young and old alike were also given helpful hints on how to stretch their dollars in this period of high prices.

The tired and the footsore could sit down, too, in a real oldtime silent movie theater, where they saw again the film greats of the silent movies. Between such attractions, they saw short films on how to meet the various problems that confront

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The White House Conference—II

On Sept. 2, President Eisenhower signed the "White House Conference on Aging Act", which became Public Law 85-908 (72 Stat. 1746). A summary of the provisions of the act appeared in *Aging* 47. Copies of the official text of the act are available on request to the Special Staff on Aging, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington 25, D. C.

At his press conference on Sept. 10, the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Arthur S. Flemming, released the following statement:

"The Act providing for the White House Conference on Aging authorizes grants for State and local conferences on problems of the aging in preparation for the national conference in 1961.

"The Department's Special Staff on Aging will start shortly compiling information and preparing materials to assist the States and communities in planning and conducting local studies and conferences.

"Plans will be drawn up to provide for cooperative action with other departments and agencies represented on the Federal Council on Aging."

On Aug. 23, the last day of the session, the Congress amended the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, then being considered, to appropriate \$100,000 for this fiscal year for the administration of the provisions of the White House Conference Act.

In addition to the involvement of the members of the Federal Council on Aging, planning by the Special Staff on Aging is proceeding in these areas: Standards and procedures for grants to the States, establishment of the Advisory Committee, structure of the Conference, structure of the planning and technical committees, statement of goals, outline of publications and exhibits to assist the States and communities, and recruitment of a nucleus Conference staff.

Future issues of *Aging* will cover developments in these and other planning activities.

Progress in Public Housing

Mounting pressure for the provision of facilities for independent living on the part of individual older people, growing awareness in the community of the need for well designed housing at rentals the elderly can afford, and State and federal legislation, are combining to stimulate the development of such accommodations for low-income older people. It is estimated that there are now at least 53,000 such units housing 90,000 elderly persons across the country.

Here is a round up of developments recently reported to *Aging*:

Toledo, Ohio

Ninety-four older persons are moving into the Toledo Metropolitan Housing Authority's just completed *A. Gideon Spieker Terrace*. The 44 one-bedroom units (530 square feet) for two persons and the 6 efficiency units (325 square feet) for single persons are spread among 10 buildings clustered around a recreation center open to all senior citizens in the neighborhood. All units are of modern design with many special features for the comfort of older persons.

The *Terrace* is across the street from a large, family housing project and close to stores and other community facilities. Minimum rentals, including utilities, are \$27 a month for single persons and \$30 for couples. Brochures are available from McClinton Nunn, Director-Secretary of the Toledo Metropolitan Housing Authority, 400 Nebraska Ave., Toledo 2, Ohio.

Connecticut

Connecticut's Public Act. No. 26 of 1958 (see *Aging* 44, p. 4) provides for the administration by the State Commission on Services for the Elderly of a program of loans, up to a total of \$50 million, to local housing authorities for development of low rental housing for persons aged 65 and over. Copies of the Commission's *Bulletin No. 1: Suggested Criteria of Design Standards* may be obtained from the State Commission's Chairman, Joseph C. Buckley, 721 Stratfield Road, Bridgeport 4, Conn.

New York State

New York, pioneer in housing for the elderly, now has 740 specially designed units occupied by older persons and 1,680 more under construction or contract. An additional 1,200 small units and many larger units in standard housing projects are reserved for and occupied by older persons.

Recent State legislation provides long-term, low interest loans, with partial remission of local taxes, for limited-dividend and limited-profit housing projects for middle-income families. Under this very new program, more than 180 of the 915 units being constructed are specifically re-

served for older persons.

The New York State Division of Housing has conducted a number of surveys of housing and health status of older people, with special reference to: Ability to pay for housing, relationship between housing and health handicaps, and the potential contribution of home services.

One survey shows that of the State's 1.5 million older people, almost 600,000 (177,000 couples and 234,000 single persons) lack sufficient income to meet a minimum budget, and that over 100,000 units are required for those who are neither completely bedridden nor able to care completely for themselves. The survey recommends construction of special housing and the development of broad programs of home services.

As a result of another survey, New York City's famed Hodson Center will move to new quarters in one of the housing projects now under construction.

Among the Division's major publications are: *Housing for the Aging*, a report prepared by Ira S. Robbins for the 1955 Governor's Conference on Problems of the Aging;

The Housing and Neighborhood Renewal Tool Chest, a 1957 guide to the use of existing legislative and administrative provisions in community development;

New York State Assistance in Slum Clearance, Urban Renewal, and Housing, the Division's annual report for 1957;

Home Care and Housing Needs of the Aged, a 1958 study conducted by John G. Steinle Associates dealing particularly with the needs of the sick and handicapped; and

Aged Home Care Patients in New York City—Housing and Related Facilities Needed, 1958.

Copies are available from the New York State Division on Housing at 270 Broadway, New York 7, N. Y.

San Antonio, Texas

San Antonio's Housing Authority has gained approval for a 7-story, 183-apartment building for older people adjacent to an existing large public housing project. An unusual amount of study went into the special features which will characterize this project. Among the most unique, will be the recreational facilities, branch library, employment office, counseling rooms, and out-patient health center (for all ages) which are being incorporated into the structure. Services will be provided by community agencies, with the salary for a coordinator supplied by the Hogg Foundation.

Final approval is a tribute to the Authority's Executive Director, Mrs. Marie McGuire, (400 Labor St., San Antonio 3) who developed the concept, secured the cooperation of scores of indi-

viduals and groups, and worked closely with the architects.

The apartment project is expected to accommodate 300 of San Antonio's estimated 10,000 low-income older persons. Another 36 units for the elderly are being built into a new 210-cottage project for low-income families of all ages.

Massachusetts

Massachusetts, another pioneer in housing for the elderly (see *Aging* 18, p. 1; 36, 2), has appropriated \$35 million over the past few years for loans to municipalities for housing for low-income elderly couples and single persons. Progress in building 20 to 75 unit courts within city limits has been rapid. Eighteen communities now have units housing 719 older persons; 18 more have buildings under construction; and 9 have let contracts. Within the very near future, this program of State aid will have provided housing for 1,771 of the Commonwealth's low-income older people, many of whom have been living in multi-story walkups or in difficult family situations.

These court projects feature considerable variation in both interior and exterior design, reflecting, in part, the experimental approach of the Massachusetts State Housing Board.

George Davis, Chairman of the Council for the Aging has offices in Room 27, State House, Boston 33, Mass.

News of State Commissions

See also items on Florida and Minnesota in "Conferences" on page 4.

The Louisiana Commission on the Aging has completed and distributed the model ordinance and accompanying documents to guide the municipalities in establishing local advisory councils on aging in implementation of the Commission sponsored State legislation authorizing such councils. One of the purposes of the councils will be "grass roots" action in preparation for the State conference to precede the White House Conference. The Commission has also completed and published two booklets: *Senior Citizens—Look Ahead* ("Opportunity for the Aging") and *Senior Citizens—Know Yourself* (Bibliography). The Commission's address is Box 4282, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, La.

In connection with Governor Furcolo's proclamation of Sept. 21 as Senior Citizen Day in Massachusetts, the State's Council for the Aging has issued 3 practical and helpful publications: *Recreation for Senior Citizens*, a statewide directory of clubs and a manual on club organization; *Manual for Local Councils for the Aging in Massachusetts*; and *1958 Program Guide for Local*

Councils. Copies are available from Hon. George P. Davis, Chairman, Council for the Aging, Room 27, State House, Boston 33, Mass.

Mrs. Althea Atwater has been named Chairman of the Minnesota Governor's Citizens Council on Aging to replace Walter Vivrett, who has resigned. Mrs. Atwater, who has had a long professional career in the field of social welfare in academic, public, and private capacities, is an original member of the Governor's Council and Chairman of the Second Governor's Conference on Aging (see "Conferences", p. 4). The Council has offices at 117 University Ave., St. Paul 1, Minn.

The Michigan Legislative Advisory Council on Problems of the Aging has completed the second in its current program of surveys and reports (see *Aging* 46, p. 4) and has published *Public Housing and the Aging in Michigan* dealing with the activities, opinions, and plans of the local housing authorities, and presenting a general discussion and series of recommendations. Copies are available free from the author, the Council's Executive Secretary Anthony Lenzer, 3032 Rackham Bldg., Ann Arbor, Mich.

Conferences

The University of New Hampshire's Extension Service is continuing its very successful discussion series started last spring with a new series, "Mobilizing Community Action for Aging", to be presented on 4 consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning Oct. 7. The series will provide practical assistance in planning and making fact-finding surveys, training volunteers, implementing services, and maintaining community interest and support. Mrs. Helen Wilson, Extension Specialist in Gerontology, U. of New Hampshire, Durham, N.H., is in charge.

The Medical Care Section of the American Public Health Association has planned a rich variety of sessions on medical care of the aged at the Association's annual meeting starting Oct. 26 in St. Louis. Among the far reaching resolutions to be proposed by the Section are a number which would put the Association on record in support of: Measures to improve community health services; efforts to increase the number of nonprofit nursing homes; extension of paid-up prepayment plans, with payments made only during the working years, to provide comprehensive health services continuing after retirement; and methods of improving the quality of services paid for by insurance programs. Details are given in *APHA Newsletter No. 28*, available from the Association, 1790 Broadway, New York 19, N.Y.

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Subscription \$1.00 a year, 25 cents additional for foreign mailing; 10 cents for single copy. Send to Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. The printing of this bulletin has been approved by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, August 22, 1957.

Florida's Governor Collins has called a Governor's Conference on Aging for Oct. 16-17 in Tallahassee. The Conference, sponsored by the Florida Council on Aging (Gerontological Association) with the cooperation of the State Interdepartmental Committee on Aging, will stress "grass roots" participation by limiting attendance to invited representatives from each county. The program calls for presentations and discussions on a variety of subjects in 5 categories: Economic problems, health, housing and living arrangements, social services, and adult education and leisure time activities. For further information: Florida Council on Aging, P.O. Box 989, Jacksonville, Fla.

Minnesota's Governor Freeman has called the second Governor's Conference on Aging for Nov. 20-21 at the Lowry Hotel in St. Paul. Centered on the practical theme, "The HOW of Community Organization for Services to the Aged", the conference will feature the presentations of national personalities in the field of gerontology and series of workshops in each of 4 Sections: Community Organization, Health, Employment, and Housing. For further information: Bernard E. Nash, Special Consultant on Aging, State Department of Public Welfare, St. Paul 1, Minn.

Purdue University's 4th Annual Institute on Preparation for Retirement, Oct. 6-10, will enable a small group of management executives to secure training and information and to share experiences on current practices in pre- and post-retirement services. For further information: Herbert C. Hunsaker, Division of Adult Education, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

"Unity in Diversity" is the theme of the 11th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society, Inc., to be held Nov. 6-8 at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. In addition to a number of new features, including an essay contest and awards program, the meeting will include a Symposium in Social and Psychological Sciences and Social Welfare. The Society's offices are at 660 South Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis 10, Mo.

The Way the Wind Blows

The Social Security Amendments of 1958, which became law with the President's signature on Aug. 28, include a number of changes affecting older people. Under Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance, some of the major changes are: Benefit amounts, beginning for the month of January 1959, are increased by about 7% and the family maximum to \$254 per month; dependents benefits are added for disability insurance beneficiaries; part of the retirement test is changed so that persons who earn more than \$1,200 a year will not lose a benefit in any month in which they earn wages less than \$100 or do not perform substantial services in self employment; beginning with 1959, maximum annual earnings that will be taxable and credited for benefits will be \$4,800; and the tax rate is increased by $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% each for employers and employees (by $\frac{3}{8}$ of 1% for self-employed). Under Old-Age Assistance, major changes are in the formula for Federal matching of State payments: The maximum eligible for matching is \$65 including medical care payments; the matching is on an average rather than an individual payment basis; and part of the matching formula varies with the State's per capita income, thus providing more Federal funds to the poorer States.

The Social Security Administration has published several types of analyses of these amendments. If you are interested in Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance, ask for a copy of *The Social Security Amendments of 1958: What They Mean to You* from the nearest District Office of the Social Security Administration (see your telephone book or postmaster). If you are interested in Old-Age Assistance, write to Publications Distribution, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington 25, D. C., and

ask for *Summary of 1958 Amendments to the Public Assistance Titles of the Social Security Act*. If you are interested in a detailed, technical analysis of all of the provisions of the amendments and their estimated effects on total costs and level-premium costs, write to the Division of Program Research, Social Security Administration, Washington 25, D. C., and ask for *Legislative Note No. 1: Social Security Amendments of 1958*.

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The *Junior League of Richmond, Virginia, Inc.*, 1 W. Main St., Richmond 20, Va., has completed a year of study of 6 possible major projects and has decided to take on the creation of a senior center as a project filling the greatest need in the city and offering the widest scope for volunteer activities. The project, suggested by the Gerontology Committee of the Richmond Area Community Council, involves the establishment of a center in the downtown area, where there is a concentration of older persons, with stress on counseling and referral services in addition to the provision of social and recreational facilities and services. The Junior League will also finance the salaries of a full-time director and part-time secretary. It is currently developing plans and seeking a qualified person for the director position. For further information, write to Mrs. Charles B. Miller at the *League*.

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Under the chairmanship of Dr. Thomas Frist, Chairman of the Tennessee State Medical Association's Committee on Aging, a group of representatives of labor, management, State health and welfare agencies, hospitals, the State Dental Association, the nursing profession, and others, met recently to plan a Tennessee Council on Aging. The group discussed the problems of providing hospital care for the aging, especially the need for an institutional facility designed to provide a type of care somewhere between that provided by a general hospital and a nursing home—in the nature of a chronic disease or convalescent hospital.

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In a mid-August syndicated "advice" column appearing in newspapers in scattered cities throughout the country, the author, after advising an elderly widow on her complaint concerning her new status, mentioned D/HEW's Special Staff on Aging and stated that we had special materials useful to older people with small resources. As of mid-September, we are beginning to get caught up with the avalanche of some 900 letters and postal cards. A majority have already been answered by sending a standardized reply—a long (duplicated) letter discussing some of the problems and suggesting private and public local and

State resources, and a small packet of generally useful publications, some of which were supplied by the other agencies in this Department. Progress on the inquiries requiring individual replies is much slower; we hope to have answered all of these by early October.

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The *Cleveland Press*, which runs a weekly column on aging by Marie Daerr, presented a Golden Age Pop Concert by the Cleveland Summer Orchestra to 6000 senior citizens at Public Hall on Aug. 25. Cosponsored by the *Press* and the local musicians union, the concert was made possible by the cooperation of numerous groups which helped with the multitude of arrangements, such as special transportation. Local boy scouts took on the job of pushing wheel chairs up the ramps to reserved spots in the auditorium. Mayor Celebrezze and Editor Seltzer made the welcoming speeches. The *Press* carried an illustrated story on Aug. 26. For further information, write Miss Daerr at the *Press*, E. 9th & Rockwell, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

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The *Committee on Human Development*, University of Chicago, Chicago 37, Ill., is offering a special program of training in social gerontology, under the directorship of Dr. Bernice L. Neugarten. Beginning Oct. 1, Public Health Service traineeships, with basic stipends ranging from \$1800 to \$4000 per year, will be available at pre- and post-doctoral levels. For additional information, write to Dr. Neugarten at the above Committee address.

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The 1958 annual meeting of the Maryland State Conference of Social Welfare featured a panel discussion on *The Middle Years—A Threat or a Challenge?*. As a direct result, the Conference resolved to take action "to promote development of a Senior Center in Baltimore which would coordinate all efforts and services involved in planning and making retirement a period of opportunity". The Conference also requested the Committee on Economic and Employment Problems of the Aging to study the possibility of initiation of "action to stimulate the interest of Baltimore industry in further consideration of the feasibility of flexible retirement policies". For further information, write to David Fringer, Director, Employment Service Division, Maryland Department of Employment Security, 6 N. Liberty St., Baltimore 1, Md.

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The Board of Directors of the Adult Services Division of the *American Library Association* has established a Standing Committee on Library Services to an Aging Population to assure continuity of activities. The Division is also planning

a special 5-day workshop at the Association's next annual conference in Washington in June 1959. The workshop will be designed to help librarians develop their services to the aging and take an active role in the planning and carrying out of the White House Conference on Aging and the local and State conferences preceding it. Miss Eleanor Phinney, Executive Secretary of the Division, can be reached at the Association's headquarters, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago 11, Ill.

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If you are planning a campaign to arouse interest and raise funds for a Senior Center, you'll get some good ideas from the array of materials, forms, and plans used during the early summer in Stockton, Calif., to complete the funds for their Center (see *Aging* 42, p. 5). Write to the Senior Citizens Center Board, 142 N. California St., Stockton 2, Calif.

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The *Spokane Daily Chronicle* of Aug. 2 reports on the extensive construction activity during the past summer on church sponsored retirement homes and homes for the aged in that city. The Methodists are building a \$3 million home, Rockwood Manor, with 240 apartments. The Lutherans are building a \$2 million home, Riverview, near Granite, with 252 units. The Presbyterians are building a \$750,000 home, Hawthorne Manor, with 100 units. O. S. Burkholder, Executive Director of Hawthorne Manor, P.O. Box 1775, Spokane 10, Wash., writes that 50 of the 100 units will be ready and occupied in October, and that he will be happy to send brochures and specifications on Hawthorne Manor on request.

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The Center for Aging Research, formerly attached to the National Heart Institute of the Public Health Service's National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., has been made an integral part of the newly organized Division of General Medical Sciences of NIH. Dr. G. Halsey Hunt, formerly Director of the Center for Aging Research, has been named Chief of the new Division, which will also administer research project grants in the basic sciences and other fields and support training in the medical sciences through fellowships to individuals (see Committee on Human Development item, page 5) and research training grants to universities and medical colleges.

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Through the cooperation of the Philadelphia Transportation Co., riders of the buses, trolleys, and subways in Philadelphia are being told the story of the services and facilities of the *Philadelphia Center for Older People*, 921 N. 6th St., through a car-card entitled, "Good Times for Old Timers". The company has provided the space free of charge.

Books, Pamphlets, and Reports

See also items on Louisiana, Massachusetts, and Michigan in "News of State Commissions" on page 3.

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The book note at the bottom of page 8 in the last issue of *Aging on Institutional Services for the Jewish Aged*, published by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, 729 Seventh Ave., New York 19, N.Y., failed to include the price, 20¢.

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D/HEW's Office of Education has published a new and extensive annotated bibliography, *Education On The Aging* (Bulletin 1958, No. 11). The 145-page bibliography, prepared by Research Assistant Betty A. Ward, presents a wide scope of materials in 6 Sections: Understanding the Aging Process; The Impact of Aging Upon the Individual and Society; Educational Programs, Services, and Research Activities for the Aging; Professional Leadership Development; References for Lay Leaders and Volunteers Serving Older Adults; Bibliographies; and Educational Information Sources. For sale by the Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. at 60¢ (Catalog No. FS5.3:958/11).

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Bureaus of the Department of Labor have produced a number of pertinent and very useful booklets concerning the employment of older workers. The Women's Bureau has a new edition of *Suggestions to Employers in Regard to Hiring Older Women*. The Bureau of Employment Security has four booklets: *What Your Employment Service is Doing About Older Workers*; *Mr. Businessman! Are You Cutting Yourself Off from One-Third of Your Labor Supply*; *Mr. Employer . . . Here's How You Can Get Better Results with Older Workers*; and *You Can Get That Job! Maturity is an Asset*. Single sample copies are free on request to the appropriate Bureau, Department of Labor, Washington 25, D. C.

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To encourage adequate emphasis on adult education in the observance of the 1958 American Education Week, the Adult Education Section of D/HEW's Office of Education has prepared three publications. *Adult Education in American Education Week, November 9-15, 1958* (Facts, Resources, and Program Ideas for Local Planners who Wish to Emphasize "Lifelong Learning") is for sale at 10¢ (\$6.50 per 100) by the Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. Single copies of *Fact Book on Adult Education* and *The National Concern for Adult Education* are available free from the Adult Education Section, Office of Education, Washington 25, D.C.

The Middle Years: A Time of Change and Preparation. Proceedings of the State University of Iowa's Sixth Annual (1957) Conference on Gerontology. 52 pp. Topics include: Biological, psychological, and marriage relationship changes; preparation for retirement and participation in community life; and research. Copies free from Dr. W. W. Morris, Director, Institute of Gerontology, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

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Social and Economic Characteristics of Households and Families, March 1957. Series P-20, No. 83. Contains a wealth of information, including tabulations by age of head of family. Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C. 25¢.

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The Retirement Department of the Florida Development Commission, in Tallahassee, has published a fine booklet, *Facts About Florida Retirement*, which features a very practical question-and-answer section. Write to the Commission for a free copy.

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Directory of State Agency and Program Directors Responsible for the Licensure of Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Homes for the Aged, as of July 1, 1958. Chronic Disease Program, Public Health Service, Washington 25, D.C. 13 pp. Free.

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"Compulsory Retirements Under Union Agreements—Voluntary Quits?" in *The Labor Market and Employment Security*, June 1958. An analysis of the older worker's eligibility for unemployment compensation payments after mandatory retirement under a collectively bargained agreement, based on appeals decisions in several States, including decisions appealed to State courts. For sale by the Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. at 30¢ a copy, \$3 a year.

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Retirement Planning Guidebook. The Retirement Council, Inc., 1 Atlantic St., Stamford, Conn. 96 pp. \$2.50. Large sized paperback, crammed with information collected over many years, discussing such subjects as where and in what kind of house to live, health and financial planning, use of leisure, etc., for middle-aged and retired people.

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New York Age Discrimination Law. Staff Report of the Employment and Retirement Section, National Committee on the Aging, 345 E. 46th St., New York 17, N.Y. 4 pp. Free.

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"When Are You Too Old to Drive", "What Should Oldsters Eat?", and "How Healthy Is Air Conditioning?", in *Today's Health*, July 1958. American Medical Association, 535 N. Dearborn St., Chicago 10, Ill. 35¢. Subscription: \$3 a year.

Homemaker Service in Public Assistance by Elizabeth Long. Published by Bureau of Public Assistance, Social Security Administration, Washington 25, D. C. Single copies free; ask for *Public Assistance Report No. 31*.

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"Health Insurance for Older People" in September issue of *Changing Times—The Kiplinger Magazine*, 1729 H St., N. W., Washington 6, D.C. 50¢ a copy; \$6 a year. Summarizes current situation and developments that indicate "better and broader coverage is on the way".

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Articles of general interest in recent issues of *Geriatrics* include: For July, "Somatopsychologic Effects of Illness in the Aged Person", "Insomnia in the Aged", "Helpful Material for Elderly Patients", "Edward J. Stieglitz, 1899-1958", and "Failure of Acuteness of Sensation in the Aged"; for August, "Psychologic Stresses of Old Age", "An Orientation Study of the Memory of Old People", "Planning for Older Persons in an Urban Community", and "Space and Sunshine Speed Rehabilitation of Aged"; for September, "The Rhode Island Program: One State's Activities in the Field of Aging", "Accidents to the Aged", and "Is Life More Strenuous Today?". *Geriatrics* is published monthly at 84 S. 10th St., Minneapolis 3, Minn., 75¢ a copy, \$8 a year.

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Day After Tomorrow. "A pre-retirement health counselling booklet." New York State Department of Health, 84 Holland Ave., Albany 8, N.Y. 28 pp. Free.

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Milk Consumption by Older Persons. Bulletin 339. Agricultural Experiment Station, College of Agriculture, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn. First of a series of surveys and analyses of diets of people 65 and over. 30 pp. Single copies free; limited supply.

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The Older Population of the United States by Henry D. Sheldon. New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc. 223 pp. \$6. Presents a thoughtful analysis and clarification of data from the 1950 and earlier censuses on trends in age composition of the population and geographic distribution, employment, occupation, income, marital status, and housing of older people. Extensive text and appendix tables make the volume a compact reference source. The introductory and summary chapters were written by the D/HEW Special Staff on Aging's Assistant Director, Clark Tibbitts.

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Guide For Volunteers Serving Older Adults. Golden Age Services Division, Jewish Community Centers of Cleveland, 2049 E. 105th St., Cleveland 6, Ohio. 20 pp. 25¢.

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Aging Publications in Other Countries

Services for the Aged in Victoria. Old People's Welfare Council, 46 Russell St., Melbourne C.1., Australia. A handbook and directory of the resources available to assist the elderly citizens of the State of Victoria, Australia, in 1957. Includes publications list. For further information, write to the Council at the above address.

Bouwcentrum, Holland's privately supported housing research agency has issued a 38-page document containing discussion of and specifications for *Nursing Homes for Mentally Infirm Older People*. The concept, developed by a group representing several professions, involves relatively small noninstitutional, community structures designed to encourage activity and socialization among patients, as well as to provide medical and rehabilitative services. This report is the third in a series, *Housing for Old People*. The first dealt with self-contained dwellings and communal homes for those who can live at home if certain services are available; the second, with nursing homes for the physically ill. Copies are available from Mr. F. H. J. Nierstrasz, Bouwcentrum, Weena 700, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

The Later Years—A Newsletter. A quarterly covering developments in New Zealand in all fields related to aging. For information on mailing lists, etc., write to Secretary, Advisory Committee on the Care of the Aged, Box 5013, Wellington, New Zealand.

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the aged and the aging. Meanwhile, on a stage constructed especially for Senior City, visitors were treated to an almost continuous series of shows and demonstrations. These and other features made Senior City a major attraction of the 1958 State Fair.

Several factors combined to make Senior City possible. For one, New York's Governor Harri- man has made the problems of the aging a primary executive responsibility, and had proclaimed the 1958 State Fair theme to be "The Years

Ahead—A Salute to Our Senior Citizens".

Also of significant help in the creation of Senior City was the fact that the Governor's Special Assistant on Problems of The Aging received the strong support of the Interdepartmental Committee on Problems of the Aging, of which he is Chairman, in planning and presenting a unified exhibit for the Fair. With this interdepartmental team pooling its resources and talents, Senior City emerged from the drawing boards to become an imaginative reality. To further endow Senior City with all the aspects of an actual community, the Governor proclaimed it an actual city for the duration of the Fair. The mayors of New York State's nine largest cities designated distinguished elder citizens, each of whom served for a day as mayor of Senior City.

A number of folders and pamphlets were also employed to tell the story of the State's program for the aging, and here again interdepartmental teamwork paid off. For example, the attractive folder, *Senior Citizens and Their Charter*, was widely distributed. The 75-page guide, *Salute to the Aging*, produced in the office of the Special Assistant, was displayed at the Fair. However, since cost considerations made a similarly wide distribution prohibitive, several State agencies reproduced and distributed those sections of the booklet which described their own particular programs.

It should be noted that despite the excellence of the work of the professionals, the great drawing power of Senior City was due in large part to the senior citizens themselves. They came from communities throughout the State, giving demonstrations, putting on musical shows and dances, and taking part in "Grandmother" contests and art competitions.

Senior City proved itself a most effective showcase for New York State's program for the aging. It drew record crowds and extensive press, radio, and television coverage. Today, hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers have a better knowledge and understanding of what their State is doing to help its older people.

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